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Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know whether in sanctioning money for opening separate boys' and girls' schools in the coming budget this matter has been kept in view ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Yes, Sir."

Establishment of additional girls' high schools in the Presidency.

* 1538 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state, with reference to question No. 626 answered on 26th November 1928 regarding the establishment of girls' schools in additional centres—

(a) whether the Government have arrived at any decision regarding the establishment of high schools for girls in additional centres ;

(b) if so, what it is ;

(c) in how many places such schools, if any, were established in the current year ; and

(d) how many more are proposed to be established in the next year and where ?

A.—(a) & (b) No.

(c) A secondary school for girls was opened at Bellary in the current year.

(d) It is proposed to establish a secondary school at Ellore.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" With reference to the answer given to clauses (a) and (b), may I know from the hon. Minister for how long this matter has been under the consideration of Government ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" For about ten months."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" Is it not a fact that the Director of Public Instruction made a tour in the heart of the presidency with a view to come to a decision upon this matter ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Yes, he did. The proposal is now under consideration."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" How long are they going to consider ? Are they going to settle it before the budget is finally fixed ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" These are not matters that can be settled in a day."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know whether Government have any intention of appointing a committee to consider and report on the question of secondary education of girls before going on with the further establishment of secondary schools ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" That matter will be considered."

Libraries in the Presidency.

* 1539 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of libraries in this province ;

(b) where they are situated ;

(c) by whom they are managed ;

(d) the number of books in English and in vernaculars in each ;